

RAILROAD TO OREGON.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF KENTUCKY,

RELATIVE TO

Mr. Asa Whitney's plan of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific Ocean.

MARCH 22, 1848.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS relative to Mr. Asa Whitney's plan for a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean.

The members of the legislature of Kentucky listened with interest to a very lucid explanation given by Mr. Asa Whitney of his proposed plan for the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean. To conceive the idea of undertaking and accomplishing such an enterprise strikes us with astonishment; but it is confessed that the explanation by Mr. Whitney, and the exposé of his plan, places the subject before us in a more plausible point of view than we had supposed it could have been done. The advantages in a commercial and national point of view, arising from the accomplishment of a scheme which would make the United States the great highway between Europe and the populous and wealthy empires of Asia, defy calculation. If such a scheme be practicable, it challenges the attentive consideration of this nation, and deserves the aid of the strong arm of the government. If it be thought advisable to undertake this great work, we know of no plan less obnoxious to objection than the appropriation of public lands now unproductive and inaccessible: Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to give such consideration and countenance to that great project, which, in their judgment, its magnitude, importance, and practicability deserve.

JAMES F. BUCKNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
ROBERT A. PATTERSON,
Speaker of the Senate, pro tem.

Approved February 28, 1848.

WM. OWSLEY.

By the governor:
W. D. REED, *Secretary of State.*

Tippin & Streeper, printers.

RAILROAD TO OREGON

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF KENTUCKY

RELATIVE TO

the Act Whitney's plan of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific Ocean.

MARCH 23, 1848.

Resolved to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

RESOLUTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS relative to Mr. Asa Whitney's plan for a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific Ocean.

The members of the legislature of Kentucky listened with interest to a very lucid explanation given by Mr. Asa Whitney of his proposed plan for the construction of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific Ocean. To conceive the idea of undertaking and accomplishing such an enterprise strikes us with astonishment; but it is confessed that the explanation by Mr. Whitney, and the exposure of his plan, places the subject before us in a more plausible point of view than we had supposed it could have been done. The advantages in a commercial and national point of view, arising from the accomplishment of a scheme which would make the United States the great highway between Europe and the populous and wealthy empires of Asia, defy calculation. If such a scheme be practicable, it challenges the earnest consideration of this nation, and deserves the aid of the strong arm of the government. If it be thought advisable to undertake this great work, we know of no plan less objectionable than the appropriation of public lands now unproductive and inaccessible: Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be, and they are hereby requested to give such consideration and countenance to that great project which, in their judgment, its magnitude, importance, and practical desirability.

JAMES F. BUCKNER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ROBERT A. PATTERSON,

Speaker of the Senate, pro tem.

WM. OWSELEY.

Approved February 28, 1848.

By the Governor:

W. D. RENO, Secretary of State.

Thos. A. Seward, printer.